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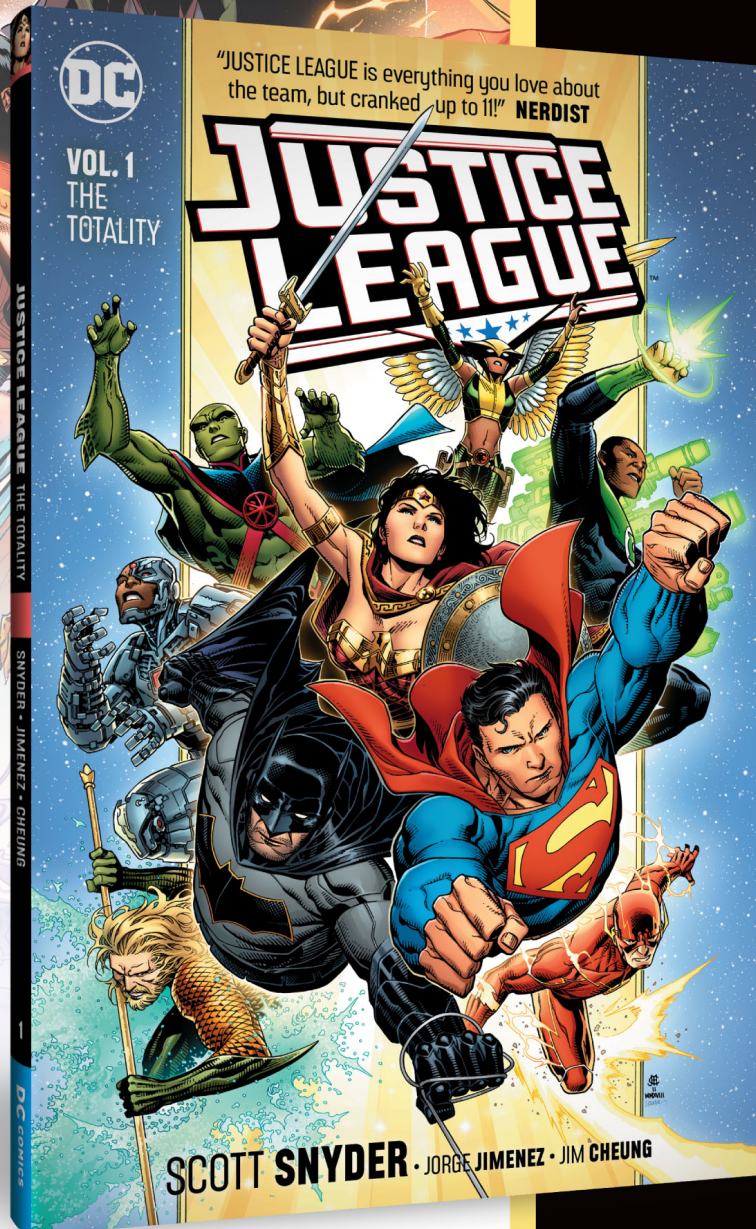
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"CENTURIES AGO, THE ROCK OF ETERNITY WAS IN VIEW FOR ALL TO APPROACH.

"AND ITS DOORS WERE OPEN TO ALL IN NEED.

"ITS GREAT HALLS WERE OVERSEEN BY THE COUNCIL OF ETERNITY--A GROUP OF SEVEN WIZARDS AND SORCERESSES WHO TOOK A VOW TO PROTECT ALL MAGIC!

"UNTIL THE SEVEN SINS WERE FREED BY THE DARK CHAMPION... AND ALL BUT ONE OF THE COUNCIL WERE SLAUGHTERED.

"THE LAST WIZARD CHOSE TO SEAL OFF THE ROCK OF ETERNITY.

"AND AS THE ROCK BECAME HIDDEN FROM THE WORLD... SO, TOO, DID MAGIC.

"UNTIL A CHAMPION WAS NEEDED AGAIN."

HELLO?

IS ANYBODY HERE?

NO.

NO, THIS WILL NEVER WORK.

"THE WIZARD SAW A DELINQUENT BOY BEFORE HIM. A FOSTER CHILD BOUNCING FROM HOME TO HOME. A TROUBLEMAKER, MANY WOULD SAY.

"UNLESS THEY LOOKED DEEPER."

"THE WIZARD PEERED INTO THE BOY'S SOUL AND FOUND A CHILD WHO HAD LOST HIS FAMILY. HIS PARENTS HAD DISAPPEARED WHEN HE WAS VERY YOUNG AND HE PUT UP WALLS TO PROTECT HIS HEART."

"THE WIZARD LOOKED PAST BILLY'S PAIN AND MARVELED AT THE POTENTIAL WITHIN HIM. THE REST OF THE WORLD HAD IGNORED. BILLY DEFENDED THE WEAK FROM BULLIES. HE HELPED THOSE IN NEED DESPITE HIS OWN MISFORTUNES."

SHAZAM! And the SEVEN MAGIC LANDS!

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"THIS IS NO TASK FOR SOMEONE LIKE YOU."

"BILLY BATSON PROVED TO BE WORTHY."

"SO WITH HIS FINAL BREATH, THE WIZARD PASSED ON HIS POWERS TO BILLY, DECLARING HIM THE NEW CHAMPION OF MAGIC!"

"BUT BILLY WAS LEFT WITHOUT A MENTOR OR A TEACHER."

"HE WAS FORCED TO DISCOVER HIS POWERS WITHOUT ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUE PURPOSE OF THE ROCK OF ETERNITY AND ITS SEVEN THRONES."

"THOUGH AT A TIME OF DESPERATION, HE WAS ABLE TO UNLOCK THE MOST POWERFUL SPELL WITHIN HIM... AND SHARE HIS MAGIC WITH THOSE HE LOVED AS FAMILY."

"AND THANKFULLY, BILLY HAD OPENED HIS HEART TO A NEW FAMILY. OF FOSTER BROTHERS AND SISTERS. IT SAVED BILLY'S LIFE AND THE WORLD."

"FOR FAMILY IS THE TRUE POWER OF SHAZAM..."

"AND ITS TRUE WEAKNESS."

TODAY. PHILADELPHIA.
THE MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.



"...MEN WHO CAME FROM THE DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE CONTINENT, STRONGLY DISPOSED TO DESPISE AND QUARREL WITH EACH OTHER, WOULD INSTANTLY BECOME BUT ONE PATRIOTIC BAND OF BROTHERS."

SO YOU SEE, WITHOUT GENERAL WASHINGTON'S COURAGEOUS LEADERSHIP, AMERICA WOULD HAVE REMAINED DIVIDED.

AMERICA! WASHINGTON! BLAH BLAH BLAH!

THIS IS SO BORING.

I THINK IT'S INTERESTING.

WHAT'S INTERESTING ABOUT HISTORY, BILLY?

NOT JUST HISTORY, THIS IS THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION. BESIDES, WE'RE GOING TO BE TESTED ON IT TOMORROW.

AMERICA WON, I GET IT! WE BEAT THE GERMANS!

FREDDY FREEMAN?

WHAT DID I SAY ABOUT TALKING WHILE OUR GENEROUS GUIDE WAS GIVING US HIS PRESENTATION?

YOU TALK AGAIN, MR. SMARTY-PANTS, AND YOU'LL SPEND THE REST OF THE DAY ON THE BUS.

TO NOT DO IT?

OH, CAN THIS PLEASE COUNT?

NOBODY MOVE!

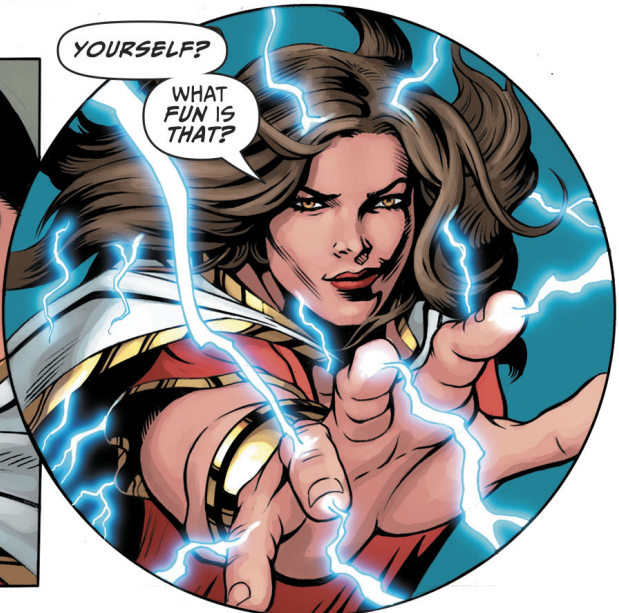


YOU'RE
GOING TO
HAVE TO
GUESS.

I'VE BEEN
HAVING A BIT OF
TROUBLE SAYING
MY NAME
LATELY.









OKAY, THAT'S ENOUGH
SELFIES AND AUTOGRAPHS!
EVERYBODY BACK ON
THE BUS!

AND
HAS ANYONE
SEEN **BILLY** OR
FREDDY?

NICE JOB TAKING THESE THUGS DOWN.
THEY'VE BEEN HITTING MUSEUMS
ACROSS THE CITY.



JUST NEED YOUR NAMES
AND SOME INFORMATION
AND WE'LL LET YOU BE
ON YOUR WAY.

Uh...WHICH
ONE OF YOU IS
IN CHARGE?



I AM.



I THOUGHT I WAS
IN CHARGE.

WELL, I'M
OLDER.

I WAS
FIRST.

WHY DON'T
WE TAKE A
VOTE?



I VOTE FOR
MARY!

HEY!

WE
REALLY NEED
CODE-NAMES.

I'M THE **STRONGEST**.
MAYBE I SHOULD BE
LEADER.

I'M THE
CALL OF DUTY
EXPERT. I KNOW
BATTLE
STRATEGIES.

WHEN DID
THIS BECOME A
HIERARCHY?

I **REFUSE**
TO VOTE!



WHO ARE
THESE GUYS
AGAIN?

I'M STARVING.
LET'S JUST SAY
"**SUPERMAN**"
DID IT.

FAIR
ENOUGH.





SO IN HONOR OF THAT, WE'LL START FAMILY TALK WITH YOU, BILLY.

ANYTHING EXCITING HAPPEN TODAY?



BAD GUYS TOOK BILLY AND FREDDY'S CLASS HOSTAGE!

WHAT?!



UH, YEAH. YEAH, I CAN'T BELIEVE WE FORGOT TO TELL YOU. I'M SURE YOU SAW IT ON THE NEWS, BUT IT WAS ALL FINE.

THAT NEW... SUPERHERO TEAM SHOWED UP!



NEW SUPERHERO TEAM?



THE THUNDER SQUAD.

THEY'RE BADASSES.



THEY'RE BADASSES, BUT THAT IS MOST DEFINITELY NOT THEIR NAME.

COULD BE.

WELL, DID ANYONE GET HURT?



ONLY THE CRIMINALS.

BUT MORE BRUISED EGOS THAN ANYTHING.



THE COOLEST ONE WEARS SILVER AND HE HAS, LIKE, TOTAL COMMAND OF ELECTRICITY!

HE CAN TALK TO MACHINES!



MACHINES? WHO ARE THESE GUYS?



THE SPARKLY FRIENDS!

THE SUPER SORCERERS!

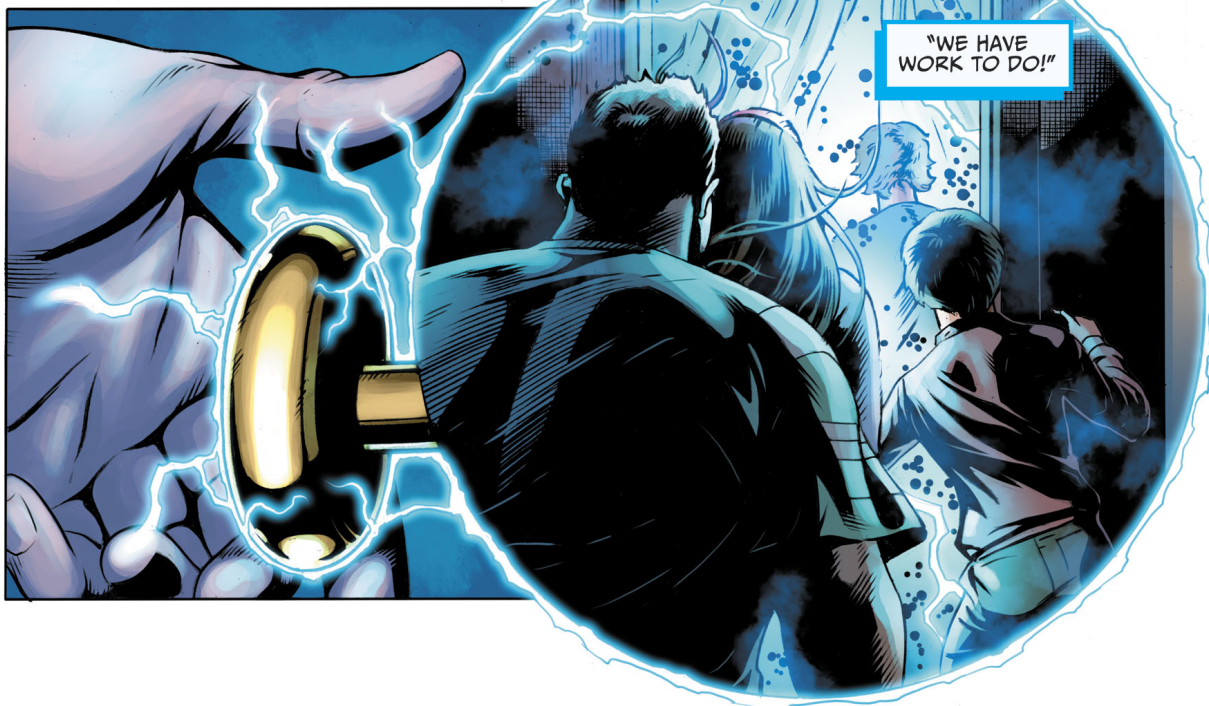
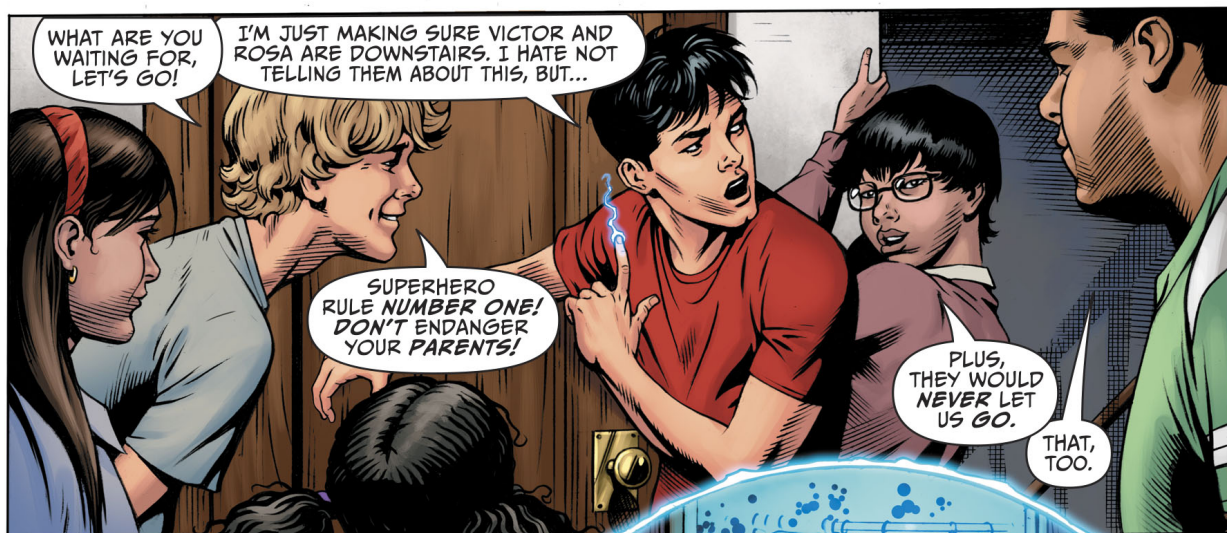
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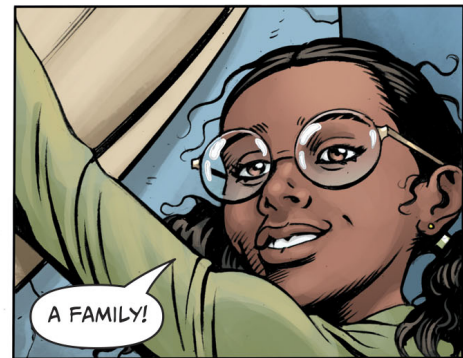
THE MAGIC MEN!

THE LIGHTNING LEAGUE!

THE PHILADELPHIA WIZARDS!

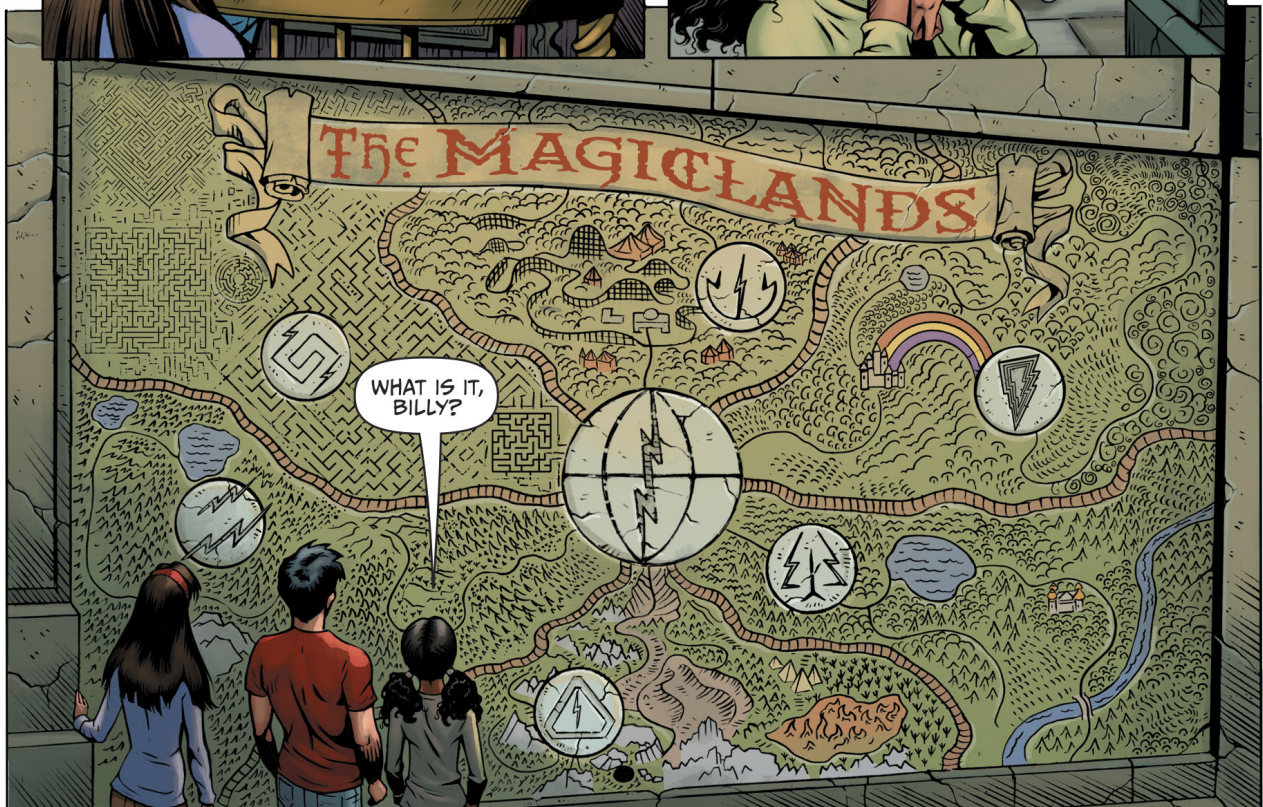
SORRY I ASKED!











"I DON'T
KNOW."

WELL, I SPOKE
TOO SOON.

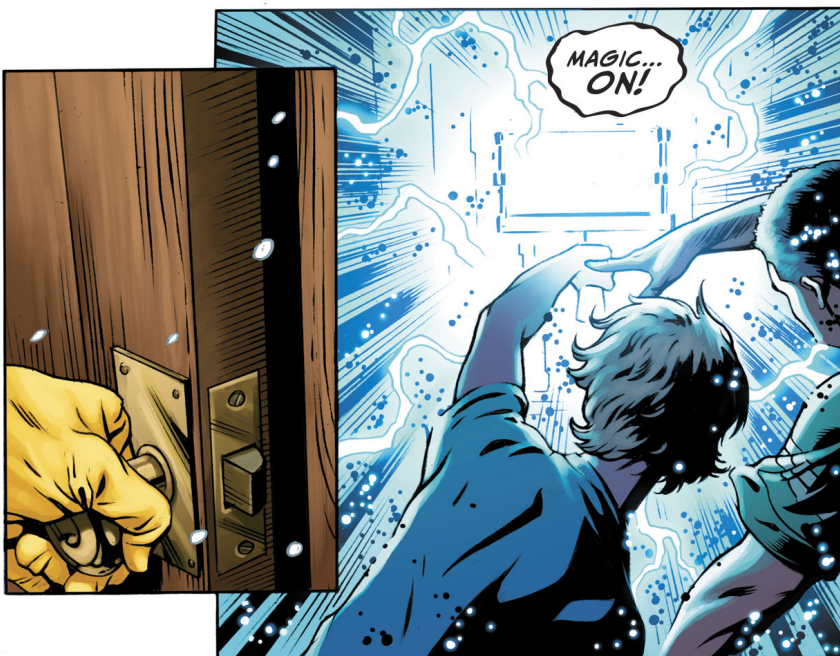
AT
LEAST THEY
TRIED.

SO THEY DIDN'T
RINSE THE DISHES
AND IT BROKE THE
DISHWASHER.



SOMEONE'S
AT THE DOOR,
VICTOR!

YOU'RE NOT
GETTING OUT
OF THE DISHES
THAT EASY!





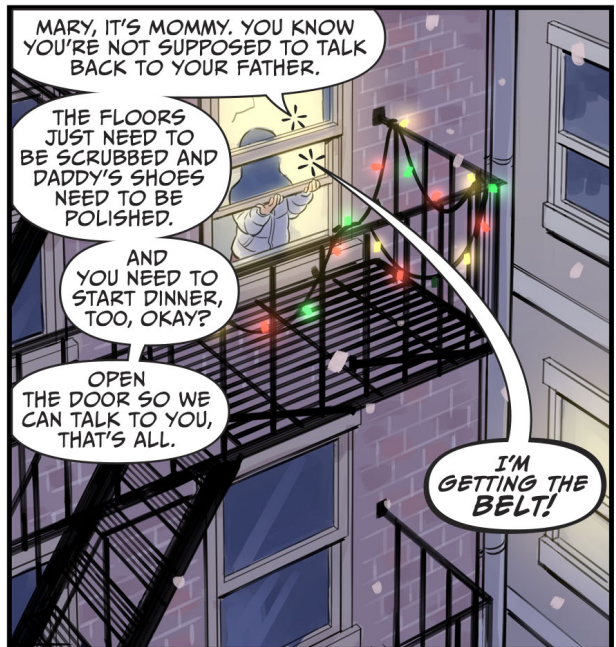
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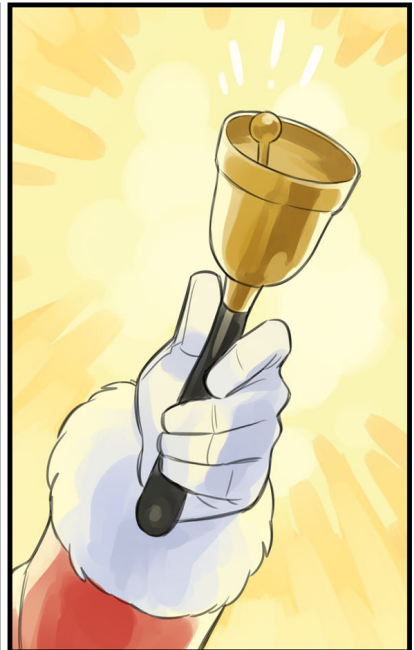
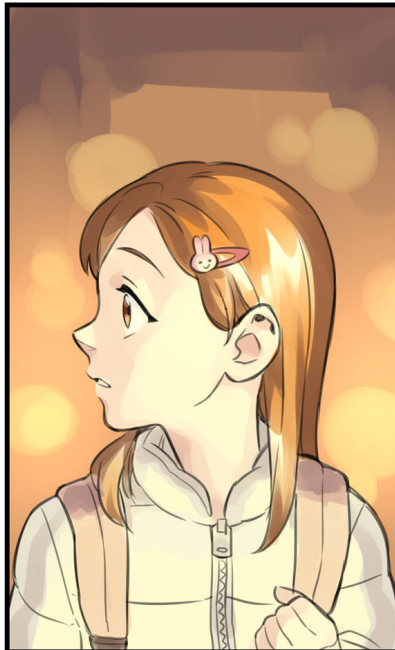
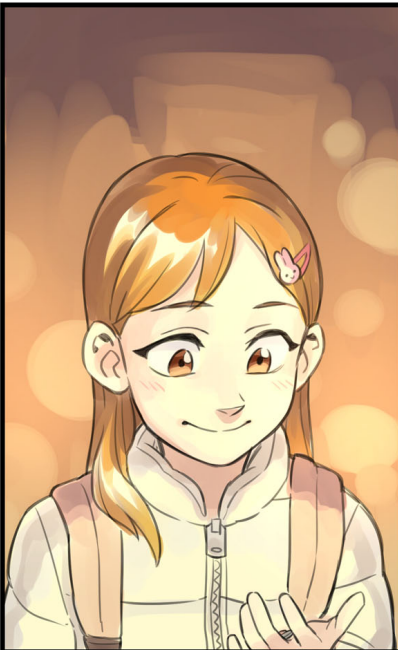
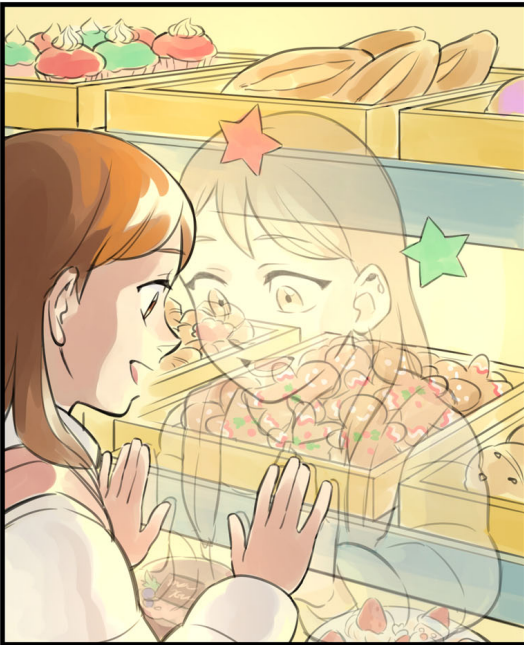
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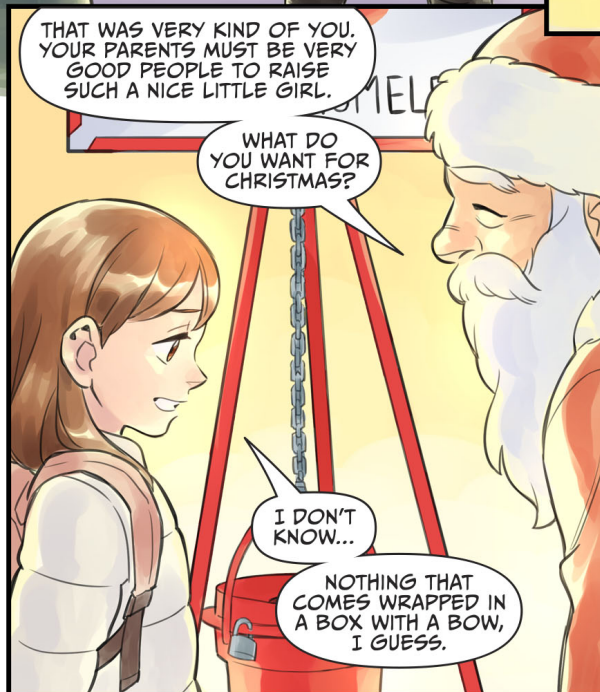
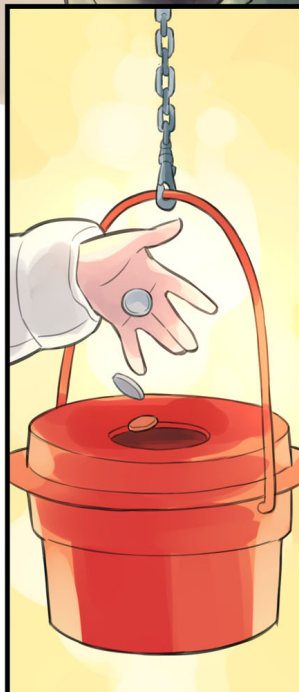
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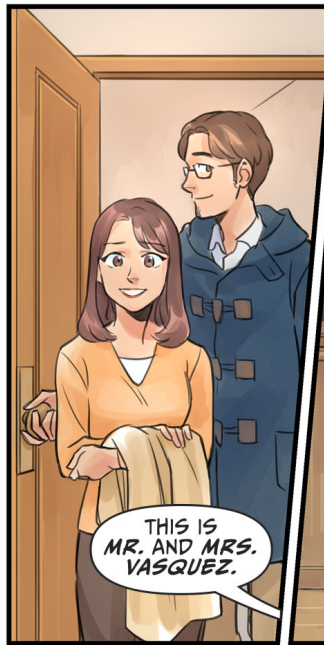


THAT'S HER.
POOR THING.

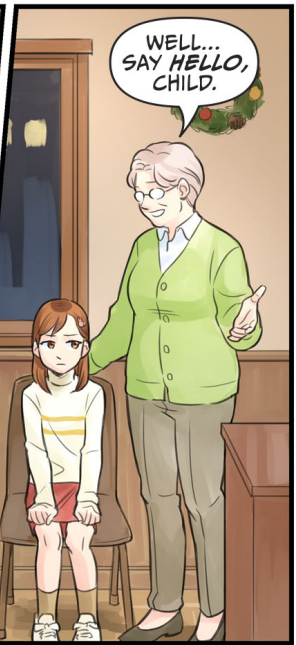


DON'T
WORRY,
PAL.

WE'LL MAKE
SURE SHE GETS
SOMEWHERE
SAFE.



THIS IS
MR. AND MRS.
VASQUEZ.

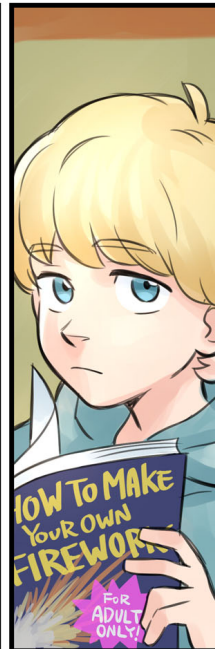


WELL...
SAY HELLO,
CHILD.

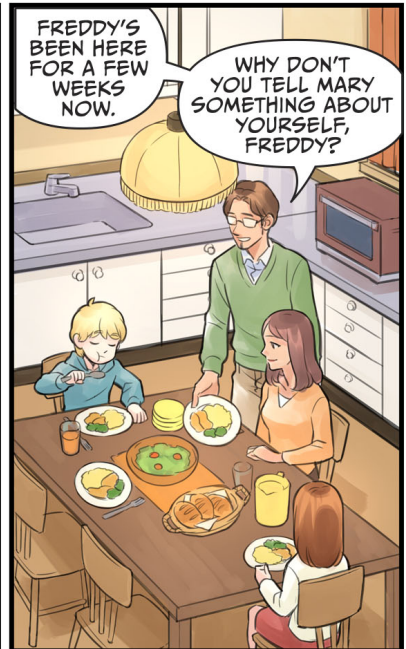


FREDDY?

THIS IS
MARY.



HOW TO MAKE
Your OWN
FIREWORKS
FOR ADULTS ONLY!

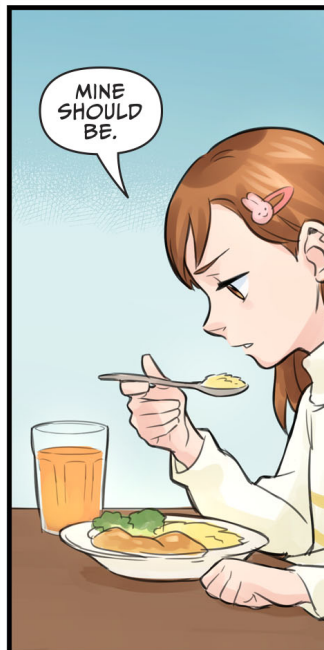


FREDDY'S
BEEN HERE
FOR A FEW
WEEKS
NOW.

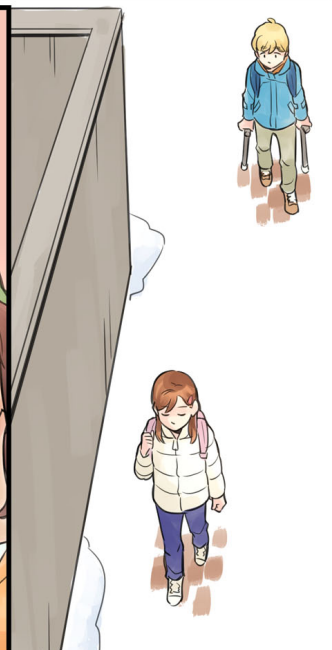
WHY DON'T
YOU TELL MARY
SOMETHING ABOUT
YOURSELF,
FREDDY?

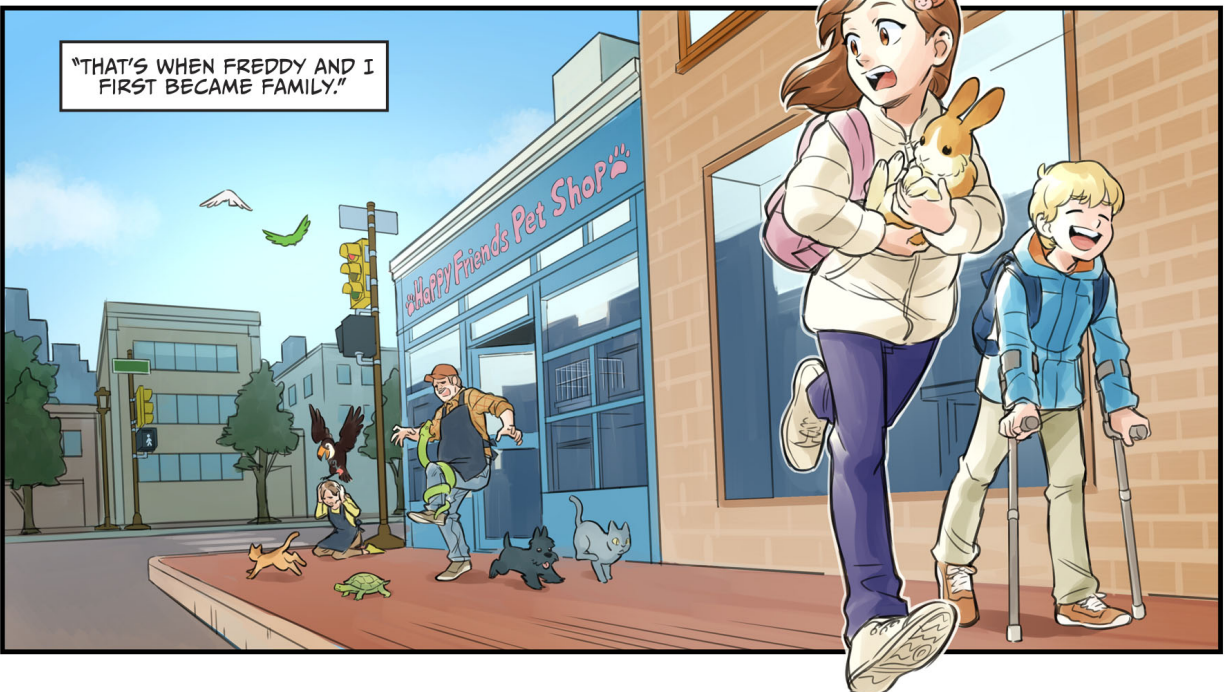
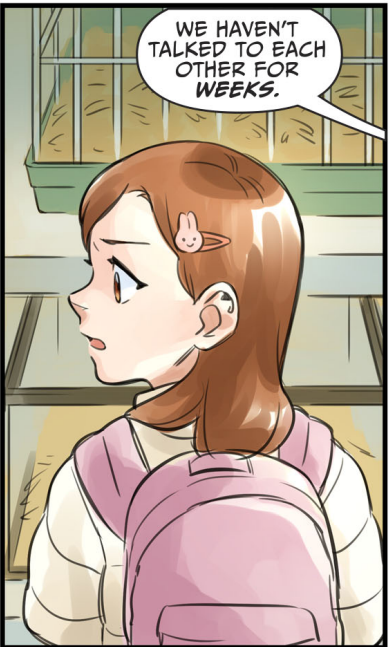
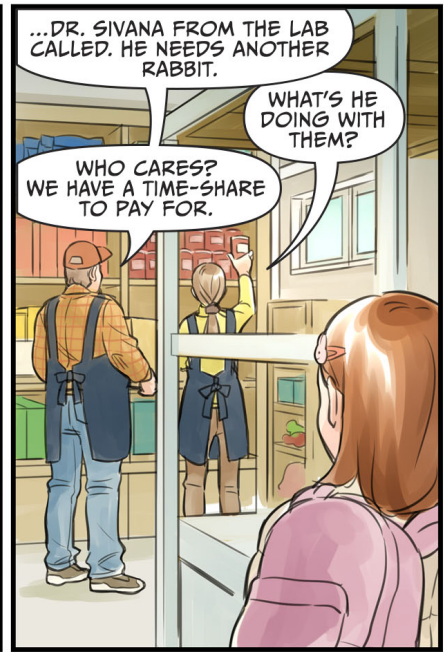
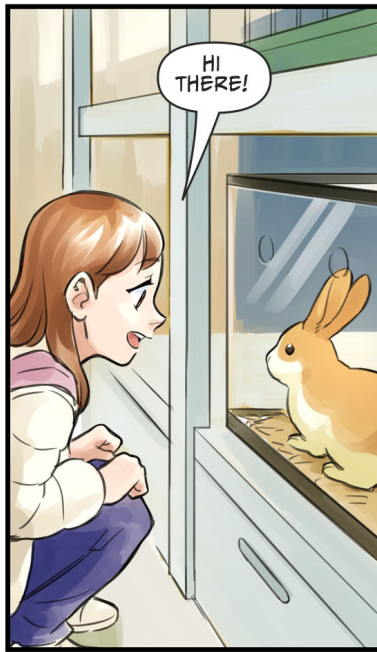
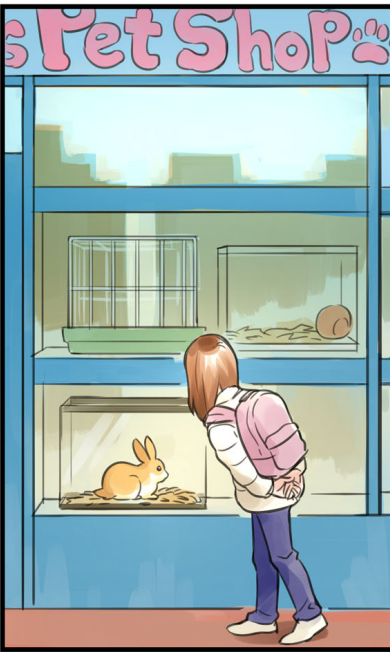


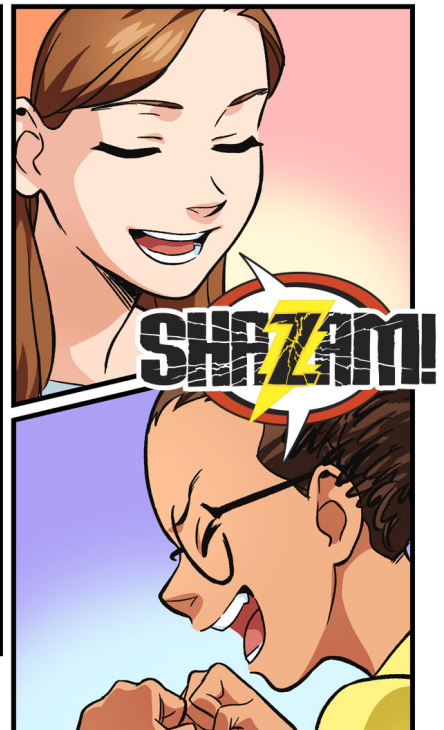
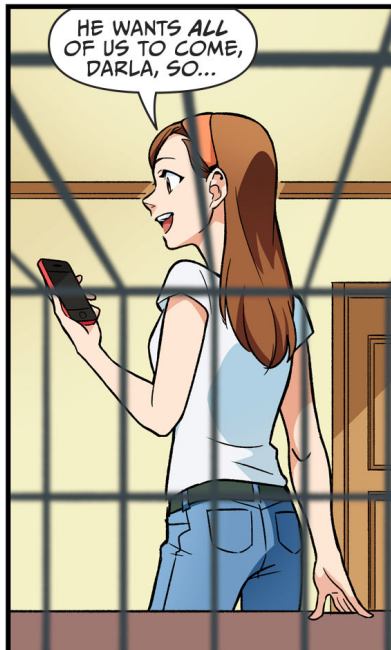
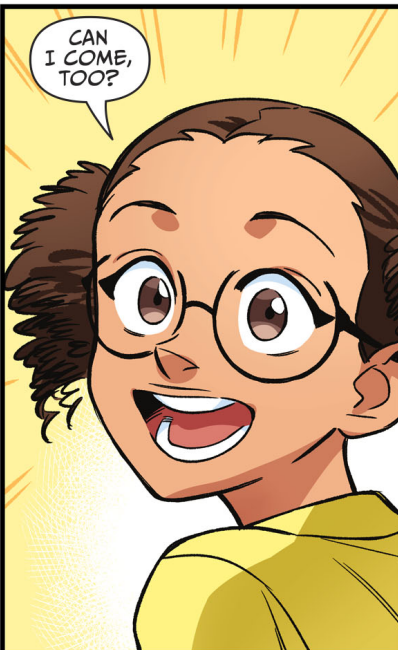
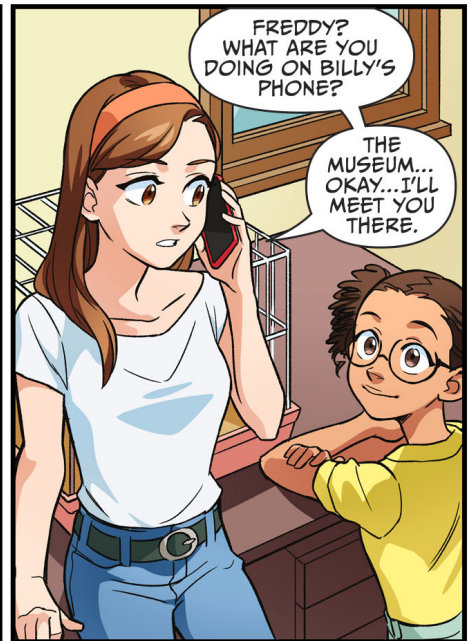
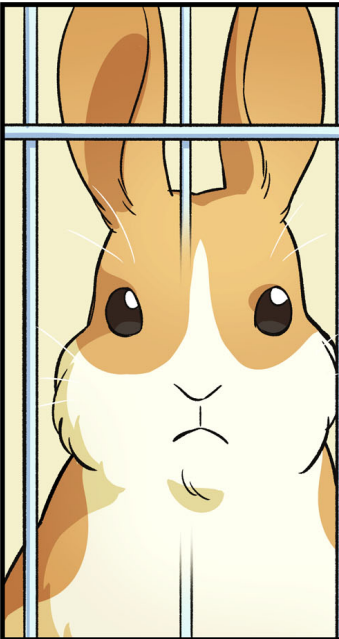
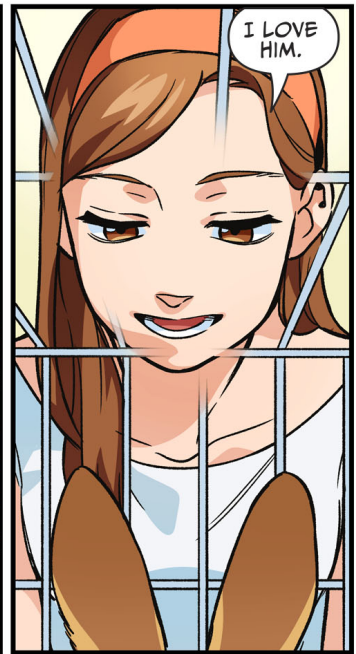
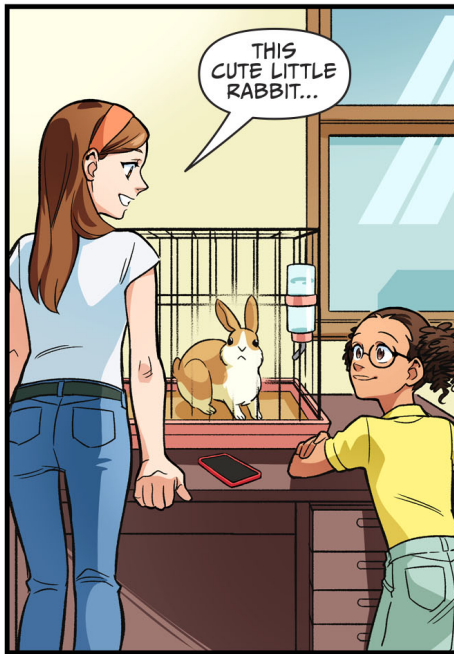
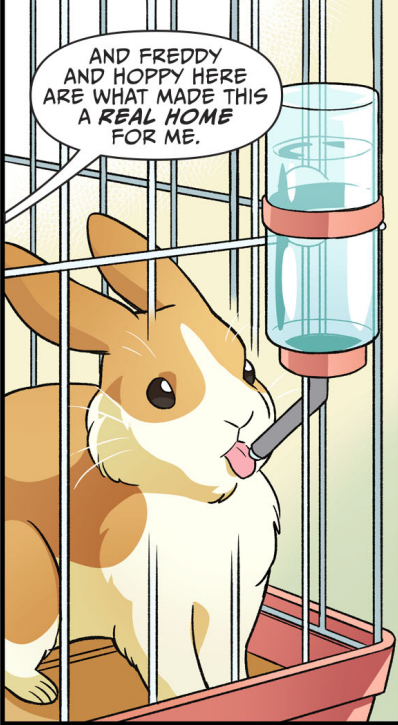
MY
PARENTS ARE
IN PRISON.



MINE
SHOULD
BE.









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The League has to fix the Source Wall or the Multiverse will collapse!

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HARD TIME

ARKHAM ASYLUM VS. THE PHANTOM ZONE:

Comparing DC's top two iconic super-prisons

Sure, being a super-villain sounds great. But if you get busted in the DC Universe, you could end up in Arkham Asylum—much like Slade Wilson, who is none too thrilled about the institution's amenities in *DEATHSTROKE*: ARKHAM. But how does Arkham compare to the DCU's other main repository of super-villainy, the Phantom Zone?

LOCATION! LOCATION! LOCATION!

So which super-prison has the preferable real estate? The Phantom Zone is a timeless limbo reality wedged between dimensions. Arkham Asylum is located in Gotham City—a town known for mass riots, interactive riddles and secret rooftop meetings between the cops and an emo Bat-clique.

WINNER: ARKHAM ASYLUM (*Gotham is a party!*)

NAME GAME

No denying "Arkham Asylum" evokes a creepy-cool, evil atmosphere, but "Phantom Zone" rhymes with calzone, which are delicious.

WINNER: PHANTOM ZONE (*We're writing this before lunch.*)

THE BOSS MAN

Who runs the joint? With Arkham Asylum, you've got Jeremiah Arkham, the head doc with a hobby of torturing inmates. Superman runs the Phantom Zone, and the superhero is so nice he gave his dog a cape.

WINNER: PHANTOM ZONE

MEET THE NEIGHBORS

Which facility offers more interesting cellmates? Countless alien life-forms pulled from across time and space populate the Phantom Zone. Arkham houses a talking crocodile and a clown with impeccable fashion sense.

WINNER: Kind of a toss-up, but we're going with **ARKHAM**. They've got The Joker.

Even when he's gassing you with fish, who doesn't love The Joker?

DOLLAR MENU

The Phantom Zone is a realm of eternal ghosts wracked with hunger yet lacking the substance to eat. Arkham Asylum is a hospital, so, you know...hospital food.

WINNER: THE PHANTOM ZONE

THE FINAL SCORE

THE PHANTOM ZONE, 3-2. Buuuut this was a "which is worst" contest, so maybe Arkham is the real winner here? It's the best worst...?

Whatever. Make your own choice!

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ARKHAM ASYLUM IN
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